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TAGS: PINT, SOCI, CI

SUBJECT: LUTHERAN CHURCH SPLITS

REF: SANTIAGO 4032; SANTIAGO 3888

1. APPEARS THAT LUTHERAN CHURCH SCHISM IS COMPLETE AND LEAVES BISHOP FRENZ'S WITH RUMP. DURING JUNE 21 MEETING OF FRENZ'S OPPONENTS, RICARDO WAGNER WAS ELECTED BISHOP OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF CHILE, WHICH, AS HE TOLD PRESS, IS A NEW RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION TOTALLY DETACHED FROM FRENZ'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF CHILE (IELCH). NEW CHURCH ALSO ELECTED A COORDINATING COUNCIL AND ESTABLISHED A LUTHERAN FOUNDATION, WITH VIEW TO MAKING THEMSELVES FINANCIALLY INDEPENDENT.
2. WAGNER AND OTHER LEADERS OF NEW CHURCH MET WITH PRESIDENT PINOCHET JUNE 25 TO INFORM HIM OF NEW ORGANIZATION, AND TO ANNOUNCE THAT THEY WILL WITHDRAW FROM THE LOCAL CHURCH-SPONSORED COMMITTEE FOR PEACE, BELIEVING IT IS A POLITICAL ENTITY WHICH PROTESTS "EXTREME LEFTISTS".
3. PRESS IN PAST DAYS HAS CARRIED SERIES OF STRONGLY WORDED ATTACKS ON BISHOP FRENZ INCLUDING FORMAL REQUEST TO CHILEAN GOVERNMENT TO HAVE HIM EXPELLED (REFTELS). FRENZ'S ONLY PUBLIC RESPONSE TO ATTACKS WAS JUNE 20 PRESS CONFERENCE WHERE HE DENIED HE IS MARXIST, AND INDICATED HE STILL CONSIDERS HIMSELF HEAD OF LUTHERANS IN CHILE.

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4. COMMENT: LONG EXPECTED FORMAL BREAK NOW APPEARS

COMPLETE. FRENZ IS APPARENTLY LEFT WITH SMALL SEGMENT OF  
ORIGINAL IELCH STRUCTURE CONSISTING OF SEVERAL OF THE  
POOERER PARISHES.  
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